

OPINION 1763

***Megophrys montana* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822 (Amphibia, Anura): generic and specific names placed on Official Lists, and *Leptobrachium parvum* Boulenger, 1893 (currently *Megophrys parva*): specific name conserved**

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers:
 - (a) the specific name *monticola* Günther, 1864, as published in the binomen *Xenophrys monticola*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy;
 - (b) the name *monticola* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, as published in the binomen *Megophrys monticola*, is hereby ruled to be an incorrect original spelling of *Megophrys montana* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822.
- (2) The name *Megophrys* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Megophrys montana* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *montana* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, as published in the binomen *Mogophrys* [sic] *montana* (specific name of the type species of *Megophrys* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822);
 - (b) *parvum* Boulenger, 1893, as published in the binomen *Leptobrachium parvum* and as defined by the lectotype designated by Capocaccia (1957).
- (4) The name *Megalophrys* Wagler, 1830 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology (an unjustified emendation of *Megophrys* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822).
- (5) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *monticola* Günther, 1864, as published in the binomen *Xenophrys monticola* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
 - (b) *monticola* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, as published in the binomen *Megophrys monticola* and as ruled in (1)(b) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *montana* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822.

History of Case 2382

An application for both the generic and specific names of *Megophrys montana* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822 to be placed on Official Lists, and for the conservation of the specific name of *Leptobrachium parvum* Boulenger, 1893, was received from Prof Alain Dubois (*Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France*) on 2 June 1981. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 213-216 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that Kuhl & van Hasselt's article in Dutch consisted of two letters originally written three weeks apart (18 July and 8 August

1821). The specific name appeared as *montana* in the first letter and as *monticola* in the second letter; both versions were published simultaneously the following year (ref. 1822a in the application).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 214–215. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 28: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Uéno.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Megalophrys Wagler, 1830, *Natürliches System der Amphibien ...*, p. 204.

Megophrys (misspelt as 'Mogophrys') Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, *Algemeene Konst- en Letter-Bode*, 7: 102.

montana, *Mogophrys* (recte *Megophrys*), Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, *Algemeene Konst- en Letter-Bode*, 7: 102.

monticola, *Megophrys*, Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, *Algemeene Konst- en Letter-Bode*, 7: 104 (an incorrect original spelling of *montana*).

monticola, *Xenophrys*, Günther, 1864, *The reptiles of British India*, p. 414.

parvum, *Leptobrachium*, Boulenger, 1893, *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Genova*, (2a)13: 344.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Leptobrachium parvum* Boulenger, 1893:

Capocaccia, L. 1957. *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Genova*, 69: 211.